

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27 (renumbered as 1,2,9,3,12,6,13,7,10,4,14,8,11,5, and 15-27 respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/12/02
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest, in a method of shaping a thin side wall of a body without cutting, including automated determining of the actual geometry of the thin side wall, calculating the difference between the actual and desired geometries, and deforming the thin side wall by application of pressure, the steps of: determining local deformation zones in which the difference between the desired and actual geometries exceeds a defined predetermined value; calculating an energy profile to be locally applied to the local deformation zones; applying defined pressure to one side of the thin side wall; and automatically increasing the deformability of the thin side wall of the body in the local deformation zones by a defined application of energy thereto, in accordance with the calculated energy profile. Regarding claims 23-27, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest an apparatus which includes a means for automatically determining and storing actual geometry of the thin side wall of a body; a computer means for predetermining desired geometry, comparing actual and desired geometry and calculating the difference therebetween, determining local deformation zones, and calculating an energy profile to be locally applied in the local deformation zones; a controllable pressure unit; and a unit means for applying energy in a defined automated way in accordance with the calculated local energy profile. Feuerherm et al. (US Patent 5,840,223) and Dinkel et al. (US Patent 5,928,581) both teach shaping the side wall of a body by controlling the extruder. Mahoney et al. (US Patent 5,007,265) teaches forming a body by applying gas pressure to the walls of the body, and controls the gas pressure by measuring the strain rate of the body and comparing it to a predetermined strain rate profile. Nyrhila (US Patent 5,592,842) teaches forming a wall of a body without a form, as in instant claim 2, but does not teach the control or measurement steps.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne E. McDowell whose telephone number is (571) 272-1205. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W, Th 6:30-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael P. Colaianni can be reached on (571) 272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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